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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: LNG PLANT

REF: 76 PORT OF SPAIN 3270

1. A RELEASE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED PRESS RUMORS THAT CABINET HAS AGREED "IN GENERAL TERMS" TO PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM OCCIDENTAL OIL COMPANY (SIC) FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF A LIQUID NATURAL GAS PROJECT IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, CHAIRED BY DR. KENNETH JULIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COORDINATING TASK FORCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AMONG MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT POSITIONS), TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS WITH OCCIDENTAL.

2. THIS DECISION FOLLOWED MEETINGS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS AND ARMAND HAMMER OF OCCIDENTIAL THE THIRD WEEK IN APRIL.

3. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, OCCIDENTAL WAS THE TARGET OF SEVERE CRITICISM BY WILLIAMS IN HIS DECEMBER 1976
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BUDGET SPEECH FOR ENTERING INTO AN AMMONIA AGREEMENT WITH THE USSR WHICH WAS CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF "A DEVELOPING COUNTRY STRUGGLING FOR ITS SMALL PLACE IN THE SUN" (SEE REFTEL). NEVERTHELESS, GOTT REVIEWED OTHER PROPOSALS FOR JOINT VENTURE LIQUID NATURAL GAS PROJECTS AND CONCLUDED THAT "OCCIDENTAL HAS CERTAIN DISTINCT ATTRACTIONS AS A POSSIBLE JOINT

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VENTURE PARTNER," TT QUOTE THE RELEASE FROM WHITEHALL.
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